[*Note.*—**An asterisk(*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

MESSAGES FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House the following messages, dated the 9th August 1955, received from the Hon. Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

'In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras City Police and Gaming (Amendment) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 13 of 1955), as passed and agreed to by the Council on the 9th August 1955 without any amendment and signed by me.'

'In accordance with rule 130 of the Madras Council Rules, I return the Madras Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1955 (L.A. Bill No. 18 of 1955), as passed by the Council on the 9th August 1955 without any recommendation and signed by me.' "

III.—RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO MR. SPEAKER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS LAYING DOWN HIS OFFICE.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I crave your leave to move the following Resolution :—

'That the thanks of this Assembly be given to Mr. Speaker for his distinguished and outstanding services in the Chair from 1946–55; that he be assured that this Assembly greatly appreciates the zeal, ability and impartiality with which he has discharged the duties of his high office during a period of unusual labour, difficulty and anxiety consequent on the attainment of Independence and ushering in of the new Constitution, and the judgment and firmness with which he has maintained its privileges and dignity; and that this Assembly desires to place on record its deep and abiding sense of gratitude for the courtesy and attention which he has uniformly shown to its Members, which has earned him the respect and esteem of all sections of this Assembly.'

" Sir, I consider it a privilege that I should have been called upon to move this Resolution. But this sense of privilege is tempered with a feeling of regret that you will be no longer be occupying this Chair from the 16th onwards. You have been occupying this seat, as it is given expression to in this Resolution, with great distinction. It will always be a great pride for us to
9-40 have been a Member of this Assembly during your Speakership.
a.m. Sir, we have followed your public career with great interest. After graduating yourself as a Master of Arts, you became a Member of the Corporation in the year 1932. In 1937, you were elected to the Legislative Assembly under the then new Constitution unopposed, if I remember right. Subsequent to that, in 1938–39 your public services were recognized by your being elevated to the Mayoralty of the Corporation of Madras. Then, in 1946 when you again became a Member of the Legislative Assembly, you were elected to this august office and it was gratifying to note that you came out successful in the election even though there was a contest. I consider your success in public life not merely as a success of your community but as a symbol of the rehabilitation of the community to which you belong and the progress which that community is now making in the community life of our country.